IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 24, 29, 36, 37, and 39 as follows:

1.   (Twice amended)   A moving image editing apparatus comprising:

decoding means for decoding moving image data encoded by an encoding method that includes encoding in which [intraframe] interframe correlation is considered;

storing means for intraframe coding [and storing] the decoded moving image data and storing the intraframe encoded image data;

editing means for decoding the [images] image data which [were] was stored in said storing means and [were] intraframe encoded, and for performing an arbitrary [edition] editing on the decoded image data; and

coding means for coding the edited [frame] image data by [the] an encoding method that includes encoding in which the [intraframe] interframe correlation is considered.

Claim 3 (Twice amended)

Line 2, change "edition is an edition" to --editing comprises editing--; and

Line 3, change "edition" to --editing--.

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5. (Twice amended) A moving image editing apparatus comprising:

intraframe detecting means for detecting an intraframe in moving image data in image data encoded by an encoding method that includes encoding in which intraframe correlation is considered <u>and interframe correlation is considered</u>;

decoding means for decoding the moving image data of a predetermined number of frames including images to be edited by using the frame detected by said intraframe detecting means <u>without decoding all the frames comprising said moving image data</u>;

storing means for storing the moving image data decoded by said decoding means;

editing means for performing [an] arbitrary [edition to] <u>editing on</u> the images of the frame unit stored in said storing means; and

coding means for encoding said edited frame images.

24. (Twice amended) An apparatus for editing moving image data stored in a storage medium and encoded by an encoding method in which [intraframe] <u>interframe</u> correlation is considered, comprising:

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decoding means for decoding the moving image

data which includes at least a frame to be edited [and is

not] <u>without decoding</u> all of the stored moving image data;

first encoding means for encoding the moving

image data decoded by said decoding means by an intraframe

encoding;

editing means for editing the <u>intraframe-</u>

encoded moving image data on a frame unit basis;

second encoding means for encoding the edited,

encoded moving data by an encoding method in which the

[intraframe] <u>interframe</u> correlation is considered; and

storing means for storing the moving image

data encoded by said <u>second</u> encoding means in an order of the

frames stored in the storage medium.

Claim 29 (Twice amended)

Line 5, change "interframe" to --intraframe--;

and

Line 12, change "intraframe" to

--interframe--.

36. (Twice amended) A moving image editing method

comprising the steps of:

decoding encoded moving image data encoded by

an encoding method that includes encoding in which

[intraframe] <u>interframe</u> correlation is considered;

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intraframe encoding and storing the decoded moving image data;

decoding the stored and intraframe-encoded moving image data and performing an arbitrary [edition] editing on the decoded image data; and

encoding the edited [frame images] image data by [the] an encoding method that includes encoding in which the [intraframe] interframe correlation is considered.

37.   (Twice amended) A moving image editing method comprising the steps of:

intraframe-detecting an intraframe in moving image data in image data encoded by an encoding method that includes encoding in which intraframe correlation is considered and interframe correlation is considered;

decoding the moving image data of a predetermined number of frames including images to be edited by using the frame detected in the intraframe detecting step without decoding all the frames comprising said moving image data;

storing the moving image data decoded by the decoding step on a frame unit basis;

performing an arbitrary [edition to] editing on the images of the frame unit stored in the storing step; and

encoding the edited frame images.

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39. (Twice amended) A method for editing moving image data stored in a storage medium and [encodes] <u>encoded</u> by an encoding method in which [intraframe] <u>interframe</u> correlation is considered, said method comprising the steps of:

decoding moving image data encoded by an encoding method which includes at least a frame to be edited [and is not] <u>without decoding</u> all of the stored moving image data;

encoding the moving image data decoded by the decoding step by an intraframe encoding;

editing the <u>intraframe-encoded</u> moving image data on a frame unit basis;

encoding the edited, encoded moving data by an encoding method in which the [intraframe] <u>interframe</u> correlation is considered; and

storing the moving image data encoded <u>in the second encoding step</u> in an order of the frames stored in the storage medium.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13, 24-37, and 39 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 24, 29, 36, 37, and 39 are independent.

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